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#### OUR AGENTS.

The EVANGELIST ought to have a great many agents. In the first place, it is the privilege of every reader to act in that capacity, and all are invited to do so. Then every subscriber is specially authorized to solicit patronage to the paper. Every pastor and minister of the Brethren church should be a solicitor for the EVANGELIST. It is the organ of his church, and a collaborer with him in teaching the gospel of Christ and building up the BRETHREN church. He is helping himself and his cause when he distributes his church literature.

Then there are about seventy-five stock holders in the Brethren Publishing Company. They have a financial interest in the office, worth from ten dollars to one hundred dollars. Each of these proprietors should regard himself a special agent, authorized by virtue of his being one of the owners of the office, to work in its interests, not only in securing subscribers, but patronage, good will and influence in every possible way. We have a job printing office, and sell books and other good papers, and in soliciting patronage to these various resources, they will be assisting in building up their own interests. They can and should say "Our office and our paper." If each one of these seventy-five share holders would take a personal business interest in the work, as they might do, what a strong corporation we would soon become. And there is a two-fold reason why we should do so. First, from a business view. Being associated together in business, what is the interest of the company will be to the interest of each individual. And second, and higher, for the success of the church, for which the organization was effected.

The BRETHREN EVANGELIST, with its office fixtures, subscription books and the good will of its editor, are all the property of the Brethren Publishing Co. They secured it in a legitimate way. There was but one publisher printer and editor in the church at its organization, and that was ourself; and but the one publication, the *Progressive Christian*, which was soon thereafter changed in name to the BRETHREN EVANGELIST. This paper was recognized by the National Convention as the organ of the Brethren church, and pledged its support. This right is still rested in this office and paper, and it should be the ambition of every member of the church to maintain it. By doing so we will be enabled in the near future to build up a publishing house that will be an honor to the church and subservient to its best interests. It has been the height of our ambition to organize and establish such an enterprise. And whenever it is properly equipped with material and stock to do the work of the church, then we shall be ready to say "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace," as the end of our ambition in that line of work. We want it to be in the control of the Brethren. By the church at large, through its conventions would be our preference, but until that can be done, it will answer a good purpose to have it controlled by a company of brethren as it is now done. We are so thankful that this was done before the publisher's interests were farther divided and sub-divided. All the interests and good will and claims

in that line are contained in this one institution. At the last Ashland convention it appeared as if that could not be secured, but through fortuitous circumstances it has been brought about, and we thank God for it. And we wish all the brethren might appreciate the culmination and show their approval by taking another one hundred and fifty shares among seventy or more persons. The more widely they are distributed over the brotherhood the better will it be for the paper and the church, for wherever the office has a stock holder there it will have an agent, when things are as they ought to be. One active, energetic and efficient agent in each congregation, and the success of the enterprise will be assured.

We are aware that every person who might take one or ten shares of stock, could not be a good agent; but such may do us a good service by securing agents and solicitors. Pastors can do us no greater service than by publicly calling the attention of their people to the paper, and requesting that all should read their church organ. It will put the members to thinking and awaken inquiry.

There are still quite a number of churches from which we have not yet heard on the new offer of One Dollar for the balance of this year. May we not hope to hear from all?

#### CHURCH DIVISIONS.

On page six of this issue will be found an extract of an article on the above subject, from an editorial in the *Gospel Messenger*, by brother H. B. Brumbaugh, which we commend to our readers, and which we endorse. We had desired to publish side with it an editorial from the *Progressive Christian*, but being hurried and having no index we were unable to find it. As the same subject is being continued in the *Messenger* and we mean to copy the other articles we may yet succeed, and also enlarge upon the topic.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Brother Hamilton will take notice that brother P. J. Brown still lives and serves the Lord, by an obituary notice in last week's paper. He has had home duties and cares, but we hope to hear from him again in the old fashioned way before long. Brother Kilhefner is heard from through his little boy this week, still alive but not in good health. Brethren Bashor and Garber should be heard from more frequently, and we have been aggrieved at their silence. J. H. Worst, we are sorry to say, is alive in politics but dead to the church. If the roll would be called about forty others would be marked delinquent.

#### Notes and Comments.

Can any of our readers give us the address of brother D. H. Bracken, of Pennsylvania?

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at Holsinger's next Saturday afternoon, at the usual hour.

Success to brother and sister Daniel G. Lichty. May they prosper and enjoy their prosperity.

Sister S. J. Harrison, was called to Lanark, Ill., last Friday, on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Sister Emily R. Stiffer, of Homestead, Pa., has just passed through a severe scourge of erysipelas of the face.

Brother J. H. Knepper, of Johnstown, Pa., is feeling very ancient. He is grandpa, and should no longer be called Johnny.

Brother Louis S. Bauman publishes an interesting article in the Y. P. D., on "The True Gentleman." That and "A Sweet Voice, a fit companion," make up the department.

We congratulate sister Ella Flieckinger, now Mrs. Norcott, and her "worse" half. Sorry to lose her from our midst, but know that our loss will be somebody's gain.

We are not at all ashamed of this issue of our paper. And the next number may be expected to be as good. Keep it up, brethren and sisters. Let us see how good we can be.

A kind sister from the east sent one dollar for the "Prisoner's" paper, signing her name "Lord's Tenth." It has been placed to the credit of our EVANGELIST Mission Fund, with the thanks of the office.

The Maryland-Virginia Mission Board and evangelist intended met at brother John E. Copp's last Monday, to push the work. Hope the work may have received a mighty impetus.

Sister Margaret J. Clark writes us that the Sabbath School at Gravelton, Ind., is prospering nicely. The attendance is good rain or shine. They will have a ringing school this spring. Brother Stofer is to be the leader.

We extend our sympathy to brother and sister W. L. Wilson, M. D., of Milpitas, Calif., in the loss of their little daughter. No she is not lost, she has only gone before. And we hope 'twill make heaven all the dearer, for its holding of your own.

Brother Swihart has organized a small church at Plymouth, Ind., by appointing brother Stoneburner deacon, with permission to preach, and brother Warren Hill clerk. The interest is good and the revival wave is beginning to move. May it rise high, is our prayer.

The prayer meeting last Thursday evening was an entire failure, probably on account of the cold spell, and possibly, at least partly, a little coldness in the spiritual realm in the region of the heart. We hope the temperature may rise, in nature and grace, by next Thursday evening, when the invitation is again extended to meet at the EVANGELIST home, and be revived and encouraged.

Brother J. H. Swihart, the evangelist for the Illiokota district, closed the meetings, with the consent of the brethren, at Millersburg, Iowa, on account of the bad roads and the inclement weather. Being the same all over the district, and having some duties to attend to at home, he returned to Indiana. He is now holding meetings near Plymouth, and we hope he may succeed in building up a church at that place. We have sent him a supply of papers and tracts.

Brother W. J. Thomas, of New Virginia, Ind., starts our Postal Card Item department this week. And from a private letter we gather these additional items: "We have much opposition here, and have been laboring under many disadvantages. We are few in number, and poor, and have no house of worship. A few of us have labored long and persistently for a church building, and now we feel hopeful. We are going to have a house this coming spring. We have purchased the lot and have some of the material on the ground. We feel encouraged."

That is good, and we are glad to hear it, and rejoice with our brethren of New Virginia. It requires long and patient work to bring success in some places. If the Lord is on our side it will come eventually.

Several weeks ago, brother N. D. Wright, of Lawford, W. Va., gave an account of an organization at that place, and extended an invitation to travelling ministers to pay them a visit. We at once wrote to him to let us know where they were and how to get there. He now informs us to come via the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to Cairo or Pennsboro. If leaving the B. & O. at Cairo, inquire for Burnt House, a distance of about twenty miles. From Burnt House to Z. Wright's Mill, or the church, (which is at the same place) about four miles from Burnt House. If coming from Pennsboro, inquire for Berea, about eighteen miles distant, and from there to Z. Wright's Mill, about seven miles distant. Anyone wishing further information will address Brother Wright as above.

Elder R. H. Miller, one of the leading bishops of the German Baptist church, and known to many of our readers, died on the 8th instant, at Mt. Morris, Ill., after an illness of eight weeks. He had gone to Mt. Morris for the purpose of delivering a series of doctrinal discourses, which we understand were to be taken down in short hand, for publication in book form. After having delivered a few of them he took sick and never recovered sufficiently to resume the work, but gradually grew worse until the last. His age was 65 years, 7 months and 1 day. He leaves a widow with four little boys and several children of his first marriage. Services were held to his memory at the Mt. Morris College chapel, after which the remains were sent to North Manches-

ter, Ind., for interment, accompanied by the widow, and brethren D. L. Miller, J. G. Royer and their wives.

Brother Miller was a man of fair ability in the pulpit, and as a debator was gaining a wide reputation among his people. For the latter calling he was well qualified, possessing more than ordinary shrewdness, and sagacity. We had several combats with him in our former church relations, and also one or more since the division, but always parted in peace. Our last meeting was at the Dayton, Ohio, church property trial, which we succeeded in settling by compromise. Peace to his memory.

#### LITERARY NOTES.

##### THE HOME MAGAZINE.

The editor, Mrs. Logan, writes in the editorial department of current topics of the day, and also gives a portrait of the late Justice Bradley.

In Personal Recollections Mrs. Logan writes of the presidential campaign of 1868, which resulted in the election of General Grant for his first term. Her pen picture of social life at the Capital at that period, will be found especially interesting and valuable.

Flowers. This department is full, and the contents are entirely seasonable.

Health is made up for this month of various helpful short articles.

Chats with Agents gives helpful hints and suggestions for friends who are engaged in helping to circulate the *Home Magazine* and subscription books.

Next month will be given portraits of some of the society leaders of Washington.

##### A MARKED IMPROVEMENT.

No exchange is welcomed to our tables more eagerly than *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Weekly*. It has this week all the improvements which have been gradually taking place in its pages. In make-up and pictures it ranks not only with the best American weeklies, but with the foreign ones as well. It does good yeoman's service in the political cause when, it prints such an excellent cartoon as the one showing the Tammany tiger on top the Democratic mule, being ridden by the clever Senator, David B. Hill, of New York. This week's issue illustrates the magnificent hotels building on Fifty-ninth Street and Fifth Avenue, New York; a spirited scene of a stag hunt in the North Woods; a story entitled "A Common place History," gives a picture of the negroes on their way to Liberia who were stranded in New York, but the most interesting thing in the paper is the contribution by Captain R. Kelso Carter on the coming transformation of the earth, written in a popular style, the first of the series to be presented, which will be interesting alike to clergymen and laymen. Price, ten cents.

#### Correspondence.

##### From Carleton, Neb.

Here at Carleton we are trying our best to keep the good work moving on without a minister. Brother Christner, our former pastor, having been called to other duties in the midst of his year's work, we were left shepherdless. Since he has gone away we have been looking for some one to take his place, and in the mean while are keeping up our local contributions so as to meet some delinquent obligations.

We keep up good interest in all our meetings which are as follows: each Wednesday evening we meet at the church for prayer and Bible study. Our leader usually prepares an outline on some topic, with scripture texts, proving the position he takes. These texts are prepared for the occasion by writing each one on a separate slip of paper. These slips are handed to those who have Bibles in hand and are ready to read the reference, upon which frequently some comment is made by reader or leader. This is the system now so extensively used by the Y. M. C. A. and other organizations for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom on earth. We find it very interesting and profitable, and would recommend the plan to the Brethren every where.

On Friday evening we meet during winter months at private homes for the study of the Sunday school lesson. We look upon our teacher's meetings as a very important factor in our church work at Carleton.

Our next meeting is the Sunday school at 10 a. m., Sunday morning. We still feel we have a very interesting school. Our average attendance is not as high as it was a year ago, owing to removals mostly only temporary, the percentage of attendance and interest generally being maintained.

On each alternate Sunday evening we hold a meeting, the exercises of which we vary some what. We have had good attendance at these meetings and feel that in a great measure they have supplied the place of a sermon. One feature of the meetings have been that at each service some one was delegated to read a synopsis of a sermon of their own choice, generally selected from one of the excellent ones given by Talmage or Spurgeon, or any of our noted divines. At some of the meetings we would have essays and recitations on Bible subjects: the subject of temperance affording very interesting matter. At other times we have Bible readings, such as described in connection with our Wednesday evening meetings, sometimes using the black board to draw out lines and illustrate by words and figures, and drawing the subject under consideration.

Since our honored and beloved brother Christner left us we have had brother Yoder preach for us once or twice, and recently we had brother J. O. Talley, of Longmont, Colorado, come and remain with us over two Sundays. He also preached for us during the week. We had good audiences, and their marked attention shows that they appreciated the interesting and instructive sermons our good brother gave us. Brother Talley went from here to Beatrice, and Pickrell, Nebraska, at each of which places he is to preach several sermons. He is an able exponent of God's word, and it is to be hoped that he can be prevailed upon to devote his entire time to the ministry. Brother Talley comes to these places through the efforts of the mission board, but the expenses are expected all to be born by the several churches he visits.

H. M. LICHTY.

Carleton, Neb.

##### From Beaver City.

I have just finished reading No. 6 of the EVANGELIST. I am pleased to note that so many of our dear brethren harmonize in the conviction that more advanced measures should be taken in the cause of Christianity in the Brethren church. As a church we are too slow, or indifferent as to the needs of the church. Waiting one on the other will never accomplish any thing. Our paper needs the universal help of the churches. This can only be done by taking such measures as can not fail to place in the hands of our worthy editor more and better manuscript from which to select for the general make up of the EVANGELIST.

If the Brethren church is doctrinally better founded on the Bible than any other church she must be intellectually and spiritually duller than other churches, if the EVANGELIST in quality and variety of matter is not equal to any other religious periodical in the world. For want of intellect in the church we have no excuse; we have it. How shall we best form in line to engage our best talent more universally in the work of contributing for our church paper? Let me propose the following: Let each congregation organize a society having for its object contributions for our church paper. Let such society be to some extent, under the control or subjected to the advice of the editor, as to number and subject of matter needed.

Such a society could also make the work of soliciting subscriptions for the EVANGELIST a specialty. I am not much of a writer but will promise that I would be one of such society. Some of us have talked this matter over here in the Beaver City congregation.

May God bless his cause throughout the world is my prayer.

C. FORNEY.

Beaver City, Neb.

##### Explanation Wanted.

The BRETHREN EVANGELIST of March 2nd has been on my table a couple of days, but I did not peruse it until today 6th inst. I looked over the Maryland-Virginia convention proceedings with some interest, from the fact that I had a very kind invitation to attend it. I was glad to learn that it passed off so pleasantly. I hope much good may result from the happy association of kindred spirits. However, one decision that was made I would kindly ask some one to give a further explanation upon. The following is the answer I refer to: "The tares are the weak, sickly and hypocritical members of the church." If that be so, then the parable practically would be as follows: "I go out into a field of wheat at harvest time, and as I look over it I observe some large stalks of wheat with large heads. I also observe, lesser ones with lesser heads, until I get to the weak, sickly stalks of wheat; but it is all wheat so far. I now also observe that there are some tares there, the outward adorning of which may represent the stalks of wheat. The head now comes into the question, and I now learn that it is an evil weed, called 'tares.' Now shall we understand that 'the tares' included the weak and sickly stalks of wheat, and that our Lord and Master will commission his angels to separate the weak, sickly or erring subjects of his kingdom from the large, strong, and well developed subjects, making them, the large and strong, his subjects finally? If so, we that are weak and sickly, and that do not through the grace of God possess five or ten talents had better move out just now. Then the holy nation would consist of spiritual giants. Is that correct? Read the parable, brethren, then give us a full elucidation."

S. W. WILT.

Uniontown, Pa.